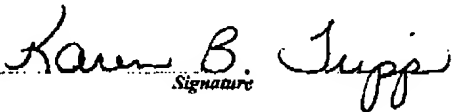
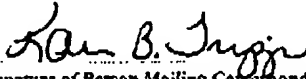


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Large Entity)			Docket No. <b>HALB:020</b>
In Re Application Of: <b>Jeff Kirsner, Kenneth W. Pober, and Robert W. Pike</b>			
Serial No. <b>09/929,465</b>	Filing Date <b>August 14, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>TUCKER, PHILIP C.</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1712</b>
Invention: <b>Blends of Esters with Isomerized Olefins and Other Hydrocarbons as Base Oils for Invert Emulsion Oil Muds</b>			
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>October 4, 2002</u> in the above-identified application. <span style="font-size: small; margin-left: 100px;">Date</span>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>January 4, 2002</u> until: <u>April 4, 2002</u> <span style="font-size: small; margin-left: 100px;">Date</span> <span style="font-size: small; margin-left: 150px;">Date</span>			
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$930</b> and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0807 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0807 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
 Signature		Dated: <b>April 4, 2003</b>	
<b>Karen B. Tripp</b> Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1301 Houston, Texas 77251-1301 (713) 658-9323 phone (713) 658-9410 fax ktripp@tripplaw.com		<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: right top;"> FAX RECEIVED  APR 07 2003  GROUP 1700 </div>	
cc: <b>Craig W. Roddy</b>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I certify that this document and fee is being <sup>filed</sup> deposited on April 4, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.     Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence   <b>Karen B. Tripp</b>  Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence </div>	